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STATUS LETTER

We would appreciate receiving a Status Report on the above-identified application at the earliest possible date.

A review of our files indicates that a response to a Non-Final Office Action dated March 28, 2005 was filed August 29, 2005 with a petition.

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